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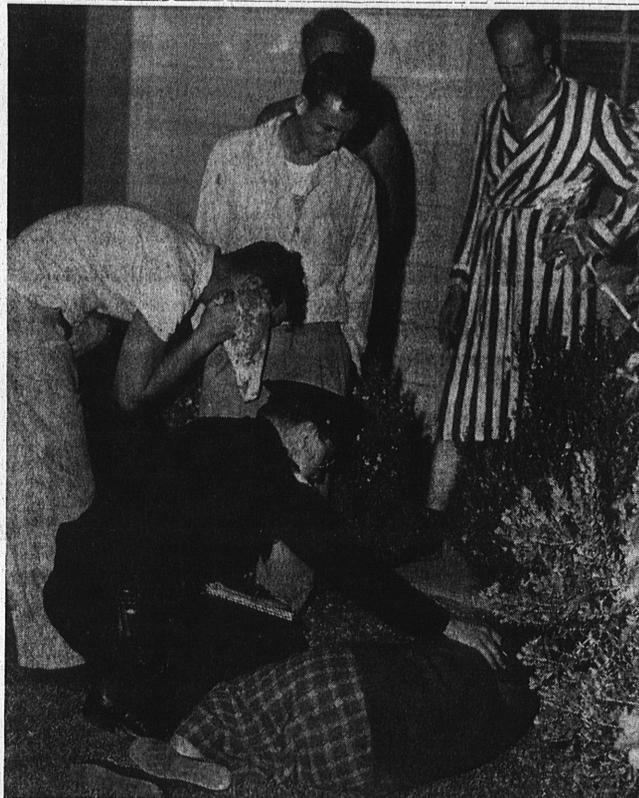
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DAZED AUTO VICTIM . . . Officer Tom Pattishall attempts to quiet Marge Anderson, 17, after she stumbled away from a wrecked auto and collapsed nearly a hundred feet away. Also hurt was Harry Eller, driver of the car. Norman Warwick, wearing light colored shirt, was a passenger in the vehicle. Unidentified gent in striped bathrobe was rudely awakened by the commotion, stepped out on his front porch to find victims, police, spectators had taken over his yard.

DAZED VICTIM WANDERS FROM WRECK SCENE

An injured teenage girl who wandered off in a daze following a traffic accident and collapsed under a front-yard bush nearly escaped discovery late Monday night.

Police officers said that the girl, Marge Alexander, 17, of Long Beach, was a passenger in a car driven by Harry Harvey Eller Jr., 17, also of Long Beach. Also in the auto was Norman Warwick, 19, a sailor with the U. S. Navy.

The auto crashed into a parked car at 3511 Newton St., driving it 45 feet down the street. The impact not only caved in the back parts of the parked car, but the force drove the motor into the radiator.

Miss Alexander stumbled from the car, and wandered from the scene before officers arrived. A neighbor, aroused by the commotion, discovered the girl crumpled up on the front lawn at 3529 Newton St., four doors from the accident scene. She suffered from a bruise over the left eye and hysteria.

Officers Tom Pattishall and Miles Hamilton said the boys admitted that they had been drinking. Owner of the smashed parked car was listed as Russell James Barr.

Phony Story is Told First on Aug. 23

By DICK FRIEND

G-Men and high Naval authorities yesterday were continuing their investigation of a vicious hoax involving the mother of a 19-year old Navy seaman apprentice now serving aboard the USS Pasig in Korean waters.

The strange plot was climaxed early Tuesday morning when a threatening phone call was received by the mother, Mrs. Lee LeRoI, of 240 Calle de Madrid, Hollywood Riviera.

"So you want trouble? Well, now you're going to get it," she was warned over the telephone. Police kept guard over the home throughout the early morning hours.

One of the most cruel schemes ever played on the relatives of servicemen, the hoax started with a telephone call on Aug. 23 when Mrs. LeRoI was told that her son by a previous marriage, Richard Barth, had been seriously wounded in Korea.

Woman Called
"A woman called, identified herself as a Red Cross worker, and related that Dick had suffer-



RICHARD E. BARTH . . . reports he's okay

CURVE TAKES SECOND LIFE IN 3 WEEKS

The second traffic death at the same location in less than a month and the eighth fatality of the year for the city was recorded late Sunday evening when a light pickup truck went out of control, skidded more than 100 feet, and struck a large tree.

Dead is Joe Haskle Byrd, 42, of Redondo Beach. He was a passenger in the truck driven by Donald Charles Dexter, 29, of Los Angeles. It was Dexter's second traffic accident of the day in Torrance, according to police.

Son Injured
Dexter, as well as his son, little Tony Dexter, 4, are at Harbor General Hospital suffering serious injuries.

Officers said the truck was headed west on 190th St. and failed to negotiate a curve at

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ed severe lacerations, multiple contusions, and secondary infection from the waist to the lower extremities. I nearly went out of my mind," the mother related.

She was informed that further confirmation would follow. Within the hour, a Lt. Commander Smyth called affirming the report and stating that he was sending a chaplain to visit her, Mrs. LeRoI said.

Both callers referred to Dick's serial number and the fact that his name was Barth, unlike that of his parents.

At 10:30 p.m., while Mrs. LeRoI's husband was at work, an officer in formal blues with a chaplain's cross and lieutenant commander's stripes called, in-

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Polka Dancing Mania Lands Hubby in Court

A woman in Boston recently applied for a divorce because she and her spouse couldn't agree on dancing.

It wasn't that her husband refused to dance that was bothering the wife. Instead, she maintained that he always insisted on dancing the polka on the dance floor no matter what tune the orchestra was playing.

Shucks, maybe that was the only step he knew.

Folks in this area start out on the right step to achieve sales harmony when they place a Little Torrance Herald Want Ad. In tune for any selling job, the Want Ads go to work quickly and wind up sales on a pleasant note, like this:

1941 CHEVROLET special deluxe, 2-door. Original throughout, like new, low mileage. See to appreciate. 2418 Andros, Torrance 938-J.

2418 Andros, Torrance 938-J. Mrs. Rice, of the above address, says, "I received over 12 calls on Sunday and sold my car to the first party who came to the house. The calls were still coming in on Monday. Terrific results!"

So if you want to buy, sell, exchange, or trade, phone in your Torrance Herald action ad now. Just phone Torrance 444.

Report on Double Sessions Revealed

Speedy construction of thousands of new homes will continue to have its effect on a number of Torrance school children when they return to their classrooms tomorrow morning.

A report of general conditions including the number of classes which will be on double sessions was given to members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee during a meeting Monday noon at the YWCA.

The following reports were tendered by the various principals and other district officials. No double sessions anticipated.

Fern Ave.—Outlook brighter. Madrona Ave.—11 classrooms and 10 teachers. No double sessions.

Torrance Elementary—Loaded. Four classes on double sessions. North Torrance—Packed. 31 teachers. 11 classes on double sessions. Two bungalows moved in. Classes in both.

Riviera—16 teachers. 550 pupils. One double session. Perry—Opening day there will be no double sessions, thereafter anything can happen.

Seaside—No double sessions but only for a short time. El Nido—No double sessions. Greenwood—No double sessions.

Walteria—Two on double sessions for opening, then???

Torrance High School—No double sessions. 57 teachers and 1300 plus enrollment.

REGISTERED YET?
Today is the Deadline

Youth Held for \$45 Robbery, Car Theft

A brawny 17-year old high school graduate was certified to juvenile court this week where he will face charges of robbery, grand theft and violation of probation following his rapid arrest after allegedly looting a Torrance gas station money till.

Torrance detective Captain Ernie Ashton said yesterday that the youth admitted to rifling some \$45 from the Eddie's Service Station register while holding a gun on a young female attendant last September 3. The station is at Redondo Beach and Crenshaw Blvd.

Takes Along Girl
The chunky Los Angeles lad was accompanied by a red-headed teen-aged girl who Friday was picked up by police while strolling on the Redondo surf. She denied, Ashton said, having any knowledge of the stick-up and reported she went to the service station with the boy where he said he wanted to get his pay check.

"I didn't know what he had done until he jumped in the car and stuck the gun between his legs, and we drove off," Ashton said she told him.

Police released the girl, a married woman, after questioning.

The morning of the holdup, service station attendants said the suspect drove a motorcycle into the station, purchased some gas and when he had trouble starting his bike, was aided by the station manager.



HOAX VICTIM . . . Mrs. Lee LeRoI, at right, shows her mother, Mrs. Violet Greener, a telegram from ranking Navy officials confirming that her son, Dick, was safe and sound aboard the USS Pasig in Korean waters. Mrs. LeRoI was the victim of a vicious, involved plot and was led to believe that Dick had been painfully injured. Federal agents are investigating.

City Seeking New Civic Center Site

The city is negotiating for a site for a new civic center. City Manager George Stevens said in an address before the Torrance Lions Club Tuesday noon.

He did not state the location of the site under negotiation, however. One councilman, following a recent meeting, indicated a location near Madrona Ave. and Torrance Blvd. was under consideration. The city recently acquired a dump site north of which it will eventually convert into a city yard.

It is obvious that the present City Hall will not be able to house the staff and facilities that will be needed to care-

Starting Times For Tomorrow's Classes Listed

For those kiddies who have to get up bright and early tomorrow morning and streak for the nearest schoolhouse, here is a list of the starting times for schools:

Elementary schools not on double session—9 a.m.

Elementary schools on double session—first group 8 a.m., second group 12:30 p.m.

High School students—8:10 a.m.

Bus schedules appearing on page 11 of today's Torrance Herald have been arranged to meet these starting times.

Lt. Governor Tenders Apology As King Backers Shout 'Foul'

By JACK O. BALDWIN

Torrance could lay claim this week to the unique distinction of being the battle ground of a verbal beef between Congressman King; his challenger, "Young" Finch; with Lt. Gov. Goodwin Knight as the man in the middle catching it from both sides.

The Lt. Gov. is credited with landing the first blow when he spoke to a Republican Rally recently at the Torrance High School. King's backers were quick to shout "foul" and demand an apology from the State official.

The second round ended with the decision going to King who received a letter of apology from Knight. The beef started when the Lt. Gov. stated that "you (King) had not voted either for or against the legislation in Congress which provided for the return of the tidelands to the states."

Ducks Blows
Attempting to duck the blow aimed at him by local Democrats, Knight took a poke at what Republicans cleverly refer to as "Young Finch."

Knight retaliated with this: "I made this statement in public, and my entire and complete authority for this statement was the assurance that I had received that evening from Bob Finch, Republican candidate for Congress in the 17th District."

Finch's release said that Knight said (and we quote): "I am happy, therefore, to state to you that further research on the subject now discloses that you did vote in Congress in favor of the Tidelands Bill, and California's position thereto.

"I am pleased to state to you that good government and high ideals in American politics can only be maintained by a strict observance of all the rules of decency and truth.

"Therefore, I am anxious to correct this mistake to assure you and the people of the 17th Congressional District of my earnest desire to set forth the facts exactly as they have occurred."

Denos Listen In
Several hundred local skeptical Democrats were sprinkled among the audience of all-out Republicans who witnessed the start of the beef on Aug. 11 when both Knight and Finch spoke in the Torrance High School auditorium.